

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
EMS SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS FOR THE AMERICAN HEART
ASSOCIATION 2016 MISSION: LIFELINE EMS GOLD AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical System is being recognized by the American Heart Association including American Medical Response, Carpinteria Summerland Fire Protection District, Guadalupe Fire Department, Lompoc Fire Department, Montecito Fire Protection District, Santa Barbara City Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, and Santa Maria City Fire Department. This achievement is accomplished through the commitment of these agencies and the ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Centers, Marian Regional Medical Center and Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association works to reduce heart disease and stroke, and heart disease remains the number one cause of death in the United States with heart attacks claiming a victim every 34 seconds and killing 2,500 Americans each day. STEMI events are the deadliest type of heart attack. Hundreds of those who suffer a cardiac emergency are residents or visitors of Santa Barbara County and their chance of survival from a Sudden Cardiac Arrest in the County has improved from 25% to 52% due to our EMS system's ability to provide high quality early care; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association has developed the Mission: Lifeline program to encourage collaboration between all pre-hospital and hospital medical providers to ensure patients experiencing STEMI events receive the recommended care within ideal timeframes; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is receiving the Gold Level Recognition Award, the highest of honors of the Mission: Lifeline EMS award, currently offered by the American Heart Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby congratulate the EMS Agency and EMS system on receiving the 2016 Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Level Recognition Award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 21st day of June 2016, by a unanimous vote of all members present.